

Dear AHSC Family,

We have GREAT NEWS!

The US CDC has [once again revised the rules for importation of dogs into the US from dog-rabies free or low risk countries \(including Canada\) that will come into effect on August 1, 2024](#). This applies to dogs that have not visited any [high-risk countries](#) for **at least 6 months** prior to travelling to the US.

It's quite simple, logical and straightforward now:

- The dog owner (or whoever is accompanying the dog) must complete the new online [CDC Dog Import Form](#) for each dog. The form no longer requires a photo for such a dog, and is valid for up to 6 months, as long as the dog does not visit any [high-risk countries](#). There is no fee or waiting period associated with completing this form (free). A separate form must be completed for each dog.
- The dog must **appear healthy** upon arrival (this is not new).
- The dog must be **at least 6 months old** at time of entry to the US.
- The dog must have a **microchip that can be detected with a universal scanner** to identify them.

Notably, there is **no longer any requirement for proof of rabies vaccination for dogs travelling from low-risk countries**, but remember that proof of current rabies vaccination is still required for dogs **returning** to Canada from the US.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to reach out to us.

AHSC Team